

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/710,849

Examiner

Doug Hutton

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's communication dated 9 August 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 4 and 7:

The closest prior art is Brisebois (US 6,219,679), Best (US 2004/0205511) and Bates (US 2003/0074416).

Brisebois discloses a computerized method that allows a user to create a bookmark for a web page that includes both the universal resource locator and a "locator element." The locator element identifies a particular portion of the web page, and, when the bookmark is subsequently accessed, the particular portion of the web page is displayed. In other words, the locator element is like a placemaker for the web page within the bookmark.

The locator element in Brisebois comprises: 1) a single page coordinate pair that identifies what point of the web page should be displayed in the upper left hand corner of the window in which the web page is to be displayed; 2) two page coordinate pairs that identify a portion of the web page to be displayed, namely a rectangle having the coordinate pairs as its upper left hand and lower right hand coordinates; 3) a scroll bar position pair that identifies the positions of the horizontal and vertical scroll bars when the bookmark was created; 4) an item identifier that provides a mechanism for

searchably locating a portion of the web page (e.g., a string of text); and 5) an HTML anchor (i.e., a marker of a particular location within a web page).

Best discloses a computerized method that allows a user to create a bookmark for a web document that includes both the universal resource locator and "*location information*." The location information identifies a particular location within the web document. The "*web document*" comprises a PDF document or a web page.

The location information comprises a page number and a line number for a PDF document. For a web page, the location information comprises a particular word or phrase. When a user subsequently accesses the bookmark, the web document is opened to the particular location indicated by the location information.

Bates discloses a computerized method that allows a user to create a "navigation mark" for a web page. The navigation mark identifies a particular location within the web page.

When a user subsequently points to a hyperlink for the web page, a thumbnail representation of the web page is displayed. The thumbnail representation includes location marks within the web page that were previously set by the user. The user then points to one of the location marks and clicks the mark to load the web page and display that particular location of the web page.

The prior art fails to disclose or suggest method for marking the position of an HTML document that comprises locating a particular portion of the document by counting the number of HTML tags that precede that particular portion of the HTML document. In the terms of the claims, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest

determining "a positional value representative of the number of HTML tags prior to the cursor location."

Accordingly, the subject matter recited in Claims 1, 4 and 7 is allowable.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6:

These claims are dependent upon Claims 1 and 4 and are thus allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Doug Hutton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4137. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon, can be reached at (571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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